



# APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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## COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

### SUMMARY

The Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies appropriations bill reported by the House Committee on Appropriations (H.R. 2500)

largely complies with the budget resolution for fiscal year 2002 (H.Con.Res. 83) but causes a minor technical violation of the budget resolution (see discussion below).

### COST OF THE LEGISLATION

The measure provides \$38.541 billion in new discretionary budget authority [BA] and \$38.905 in discretionary outlays for 2002. This is a \$237 million increase in BA over the

current fiscal year 2001 enacted amount and \$620 million in discretionary BA above the President's request. A breakdown of these levels can be found on the next page.

Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations Bill (fiscal years; millions of dollars)				
	2001 Enacted	Administration 2002 Request	302(b) for 2002	2002 Bill
Budget Authority	38,304	37,921	38,541	38,541
Outlays	37,419	38,824	39,000	38,905

### COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDGET ACT

The bill complies with sections 302(f) and 311(a) of the Budget Act, which prohibit consideration of bills in excess of a subcommittee's 302(b) allocation pursuant to the overall levels of budget authority and outlays established in

the concurrent resolution on the budget. The \$38.541 billion in new discretionary budget authority is exactly the same as the 302(b) allocation to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary.

### OTHER COMPLIANCE ISSUES

The bill contains \$100 million in budget authority and \$81 million in outlays for advance appropriations in three budget accounts. Two of these accounts relate to fees collected from the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act and are included in the list of anticipated advance appropriations under Section 201 of the Concurrent Resolution on the

Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 (H.Con.Res. 83). The third advance appropriation relates to certain visa fees not included in the list. Nevertheless, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget does not object to the provision, because it limits spending from fees to amounts that can be prudently used by the agency.

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**RESCISSIONS**

H.R. 2500 contains two rescissions totaling \$125 million. One rescinds \$115 million of unobligated funds for the Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program. The

other cancels \$10 million of unobligated funds for the Emergency Steel Guaranteed Loan Program. Both rescissions were requested by the President.

Discretionary Spending in the Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Bill		
(in millions of dollars)		
	Budget Authority	Outlays
Justice .....	20,512 .....	21,446
Commerce .....	4,910 .....	5,035
State .....	7,222 .....	6,611
The Judiciary .....	4,388 .....	4,323
Other Related Agencies .....	1,509 .....	1,490

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